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## THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. A method for generating error messages in a web based application, said method comprising the steps of:
  - (a) searching said application for a predetermined error number;
  - (b) retrieving an error message corresponding to said error number;
  - (c) applying said error message to a style sheet in an error form; and
  - (d) displaying said error form on a requesting device.